

GRAUSTARK

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1976DX

"Fall 1902"

NOW JUST WHO WAS STABBING WHOM?

ENGLAND (Fabry): A Fin-St.P; F Bar S A
Fin-St.P; F Nwy-Swe; F Nth-Nwy.

FRANCE (Dodge): A Bel, A But & A Pic hold;
F Mid-Por; F Wes-Mid.

GERMANY (La Rocco): F Den S ENGLISH F Nwy-
Swe; A Kie-Mun; A Boh-Vie; A Ber-Pru;
A Sil S A Ber-Pru.

ITALY (Ameling): A Tyr-Mun; A Bud-Gal;
F Ion-Tyr; F Tun-Tyr.

RUSSIA (Brawner): A Liv-St.P; F Bot S A
Liv-St.P; A Pru-War; A Swe-Nwy; F Rum-
Bul(e.c.); A Vie S ITALIAN A Bud-Gal.

TURKEY (Addisen): F Eas-Ion; F Aeg S
Eas-Ion; A Ser-Bud; A Tri S A Ser-Bud;
F Bla holds.

Underlined moves are not possible.
The Russian A Swe is annihilated, and by
pre-arrangement Italy retreats F Ion-Gre.
The High Combatant Powers now control the
following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Swe. (5)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (6)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun. (5)

ITALY: Gre, Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (5)

RUSSIA: Bul, Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, Vie,
War. (7)

TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Con, Ser, Smy, Tri. (6)

Russia may build two new units, and Tur-
key, England, France, and Italy may each
build one. The deadline for these "Win-
ter 1902" builds is NOON, NEW YEAR'S DAY
1977.

From 17 December to 2 January, Wil-
liam Ameling's address will be 619 Ewing
St., Fremont, Ohio 43420. Jack Brawner
will be at 9 Lochness Court, Rockville,
Md. 20850 during the holidays.

Press releases appear on p. 5 if
space permits.

1976W

"Spring 1905"

RUSSO-GERMAN SHOWDOWN!

Some of the "Fall 1904" moves, as they
were printed in GRAUSTARK #354, had the un-
derlines obscured in wrinkles in the stencil.
These were the French "A Par S A Pic", "A Pic S
A Par", the German "A Bel-Pic", and the Rus-
sian "A Gal-Vie".

ENGLAND (Drakert): F Nth-Den; F Edi-Nth;
F Nrg-Bar.

FRANCE (Bowman): A Por holds.

GERMANY (Hedin): A Bel-Hol; A Mun-Boh; A Bur-
Mun; A Par-Bur; A Kie S ENGLISH F Nth-Den;
A Ber-Sil; F Bre-Mid; F Nwy-Swe.

ITALY (Bragdon): F Spa(a.c.)-Por; A Mar-Pic;
A Ven-Apu; F Adr-Alb; F Nap-Tyr; F Tun-
Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Laves): A Tri-Bud; A Vie S
A Tri-Bud.

RUSSIA (Kelly): A Gal-Vie; F Den-Nth; A Swe-
Nwy; A St.P S A Swe-Nwy; A War-Pru; A Sil
S A War-Pru; F Con holds.

TURKEY (Kahn): A Bud S RUSSIAN A Gal-Vie; F
Alb-Adr; A Gre S A Ser; F Eas S F Ion; A
Ser, F Ion & F Smy hold.

Underlined moves are not possible.
Russia must retreat F Den-Bal or -Swe or
-Hel or -Ska and Germany must retreat R Nwy-
Ska or -Nrg. The direction of these re-
treats must be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN
MAIL BY MONDAY 20 DECEMBER 1976; the Game-
master will pass them on to the other play-
ers. If both units are ordered to retreat
to Ska, both will be annihilated. The dead-
line for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, NEW
YEAR'S DAY 1977.

Players should note that there is no
mail delivery on the next deadline date, and
to get their moves in early. Also, there's
the usual Christmas mail rush to think of.

1975ET

PEACE NEGOTIATED!

"Fall 1910"

ENGLAND (Penn): A Fin S A St.P; F Den S F Kie; F NAF
S F Wes; F Wes, F Lyo; A St.P, F Swe, F Kie, F
Yor, A Ruh, A Bur & A Mar hold; F Nrh-Nat.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rittel): A Ber, A Ven & A Pie hold; A
Mun & A Sil S A Ber; A Boh S A Sil; A Tyr S A Mun;
A Tus S A Pie; F Tyr S ITALIAN F Tun; F Nap S F Tyr.

TURKEY (Remmele): A Pru S A War; A War S A Pru; A Liv S
A Mos; A Mos S A Liv; F Ion S F Tun; F Tun & F Aeg
hold.

1975ET - GRAUSTARK, John Board-
E - Cyril Penn (drew F10) man
F - Patrick Egan (out F02)
G - Peter Squires (drew F04)
Ronald Kelly (out F06)
I - Noah Lerman (out F09)
A - Don Rittel (drew F10)
R - Edi Birsan (out S10)
T - Jeffrey Remmele (drew
F10)

The three remaining players have
agreed on a draw, and the game ends at
this point. The High Combatant Powers
now control the following supply cen-
ters:

ENGLAND: Bel, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie,
Liv, Lon, Mar, Nwy, Par, Por, St.P,
Spa, Swe. (15)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ber, Bud, Bul, Gre, Mun, Nap, Rom, Ser, Tri, Ven, Vie. (11)

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Mos, Rum, Sev, Smy, Tun, War. (8)

The game's roster and supply center chart appear above. Asterisks indicate sup-
ply centers for which no build was made. The Gamesmaster would like to thank the play-
ers for an interesting game, and to suggest that one of them, or another reader, might
wish to send in a review of the game.

As a result of the end of 1975ET, the following readers' subscriptions end with
the indicated issue of GRAUSTARK: Edi Birsan 356, Noah Lerman 356, Jeffrey Remmele
360, Don Rittel 356. Patrick Egan's subscription would also end except that his copies
of GRAUSTARK started coming back in the mail several months ago. New GRAUSTARK games
are open at an entry fee of \$10.

1975Q

BRITISH FLEET FORCES THE STRAITS

"Fall 1914"

Through a misprint the Turkish A Sev was not listed in the last issue.

ENGLAND (Laves): F Spa(s.c.)-Wes; F Lye & F Mid S F Spa(s.c.)-Wes; F Por-Spa(s.c.); A
Mar, A Nwy & A Mun hold; A Bur S A Mar; A Ruh S A Mun; A Kie-Ber; A Sil-War; A
Pru & A Liv S A Sil-War; A St.P-Mos; F Bar-Nrg; F Bal S A Liv; F Nth-Eng.

FRANCE (Johnson): F Naf S ITALIAN F Wes.

ITALY (Kelly): A Pie S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Tyr-Tus; F Wes S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Tyr-Lyo;
A Tyr S A Pie.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Robinson): A Mos, A War & A Boh hold; A Gal S A War; A Vie S A Boh;
F Tyr-Tus; F Ion-Tun.

TURKEY (Heuer): F Aeg-Ion; F Con-Aeg; A Bul holds; A Sev S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Mos; A
Ukr S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A War.

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy retreats F Wes-Tyr. The vote for a draw
fails, as does the vote for a general concession to England. Both proposals are re-
submitted for another vote in the next issue.

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Ber, Ere, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Mar, Mun, Nwy, Par, Por, St.P, Spa, Swe. (17)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Ven. (3)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Mos, Rum, Sev, Tri, Tun, Vie, War. (9)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Sev, Smy. (5)

The last French unit is removed, and Austria-Hungary has two builds. These builds should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL (deadline Monday 20 December 1976) to the Gamesmaster, who will inform all players. The deadline for "Spring 1912" moves is NOON, NEW YEAR'S DAY 1977.

The Gamesmaster would like to thank Robert Johnson for hanging in with the French position for so long.

1975AP

"Fall 1912"

THE REWARD OF TREACHERY

Following "Spring 1912" moves Italy retreated A Mun-Bur and Austria-Hungary retreated A Rum-Sev. Players were informed by the Gamesmaster.

GERMANY (Michal): A Mos-St.P; A War-Mos; F Nrg-Edi; F Nwy-Nth; A Den holds; F Kie-Hol; A Mun-Ruh; A Ber-Mun; A Hol-Bel; A Tyr-Tri; A Vie S A Bud; A Bud S A Vie.

1975AP - GRAUSTARK, John Beardman

E - David Dalman (out FO6)

F - Jerry White (dro S02)

Bob Lipton (out FO2)

G - John Michal

I - Robert Eisen (won F12)

A - Mark Murray

R - Alan T. Cathcart

T - James Henrikus Jr. (dro S04)

Lawrence Chafetz (out FO4)

ITALY (Eisen): A Tri-Bud; A Rum & A Ser S A Tri-Bud; F Wes-Mid; A Bur-Bel; A Smy-Ank; F Con S A Smy-Ank; F Aeg S F Con; F Eas-Ion; F Aeg-Van; A Tus-Ven; F Cly-Edi; F Nth-Lon; F Tyr-Wes; A Bul S A Rum.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Murray): A Sev & A Ank hold; F Bla S A Ank.

RUSSIA (Cathcart): A St.P-Mos. 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12

	B	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:	F	3	3								
	C	3	5	6	8	6	7*	6	7*	9*	9
	I	3	4	6	7	7	7	8	8	9	10
	A	3	5	6	6	8	8	8	10	10*	9
GERMANY: Bery Den, Edi, H.L, Kie, Mos, Mun, Nwy, Par, Swe, Tri, Vie, War. (13)	R	4	5	7	7	10	11	12	9	6	6
	T	3	5	3	3						

ITALY: Bel, Ere, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Liv, Lon, Mar, Nap, Por, Rom, Rum, Ser, Smy, Tun, Spa, Ven. (18)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Sev. (2)

RUSSIA: St.P. (1)

Italy, thanks to the five-dot doublecross in "Fall 1911", now has a majority of supply centers on the board, and Bob Eisen is therefore the winner. The roster and supply center chart appear above. The sudden decline of the eastern, and rise of the western, alliance around "1906" has a story in it somewhere, which I wish one of the players would write up for publication.

As a result of the end of 1975AP, the following readers' subscriptions and with this issue of GRAUSTARK: David Dalman, James Henrikus Jr., Mark Murray, Jerry White.

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The two games ended in this issue have both gone a bit longer than the average for GRAUSTARK. Game 1975AP was announced in #327 on 12 April 1975, and its first moves appeared 3 weeks later in #328. Game 1975ET was announced in #331 on 5 July 1975; its opening moves appeared in #332. In both games, one player missed his "Spring 1901" moves. The former is the longest game to be ended in GRAUSTARK since 1973BB wound up. ... in "1916" in GRAUSTARK #325, 1 March 1975.

1975IX

"Spring 1901"

"YOU REALIZE, OF COURSE, THAT THIS MEANS WAR!"

ENGLAND (Browner): F Lon-Nth; F Edi-Nrg; A Liv-Yor.

FRANCE (P. Gallagher): F Bre-Mid; A Par-Bur; A Mar S A Par-Bur.

GERMANY (Tirtek): A Mun-Ruh; A Ber-Kie; F Kie-Den.

ITALY (Thomsen): A Ven holds; A Rom-Apu; F Nap-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Fanning): F Tri-Alb; A Bud-Ser; A Vie-Bud.

RUSSIA (Walters): F St.P(s.c.)-Bot; A War-Ukr; F Sev-Rum; A Mos-Sev.

TURKEY (Robinson): A Con-Bul; A Smy-Arm; F Ank-Bla.

The deadline for "Fall 1901" moves is NOON, NEW YEAR'S DAY 1977. The Gamesmaster would appreciate it if the players could send in conditional "Winter 1901" builds, as we could speed up the game this way. For Jack Browner's temporary change of address, see p. 1.

1975IX

"Fall 1908"

NOT OVER YET

Following "Spring 1908" moves Russia retreated F Bal-Bot; players were informed.

FRANCE (Jacobs): No move received; A Par holds.

GERMANY (Perrin): A Den-Swe; A Fin S A Den-Swe; F Nwy-St.P(n.c.); F Nrg-Nat; F Bal-Bot;
F Nth-Ska; A Ber S A Mun; A Mun S A Ber; F Kie S A Ber; A Ruh & A Bur S A Mun;
 A Pic holds; F Mid-Wes.

ITALY (Kramer): A Mar-Spa; F Lya-Tyr; F Tun S F Lya-Tyr.

RUSSIA (Eisen): A Pru-Ber; A St.P-Fin; F Bot S A St.P-Fin; A Sil-Mun; A Apu-Rom; F Ion-
Nap; F Aeg-Ion; F Smy-Aeg; F Adr S F Aeg-Ion; A Rom-Tus; A Ven-Pie; A Boh & A Tyr
S A Sil-Mun; A War-Sil; A Mos-St.P; A Liv S A Mos-St.P.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers control the following supply centers:

FRANCE: Par. (1)

ITALY: Mar, Por, Spa, Tun. (4)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol,
Kie, Liv, Lon, Mun, Nwy, Swe. (12)RUSSIA: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Nap,
Rom, Rum, St.P, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Ven,
Vie, War. (17)

Russia may build one unit, and Germany must remove one. (Italy lacks a home supply center and so cannot build.) These moves should be phoned in IMMEDIATELY to the Gamesmaster, who will inform the players. Greg Costikyan, whose address appeared in the last issue, should send in stand-by "Spring 1909" moves for France. The deadline for "Spring 1909" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 1 JANUARY 1977.

My expectation, in the last issue, that this game would end now was mistaken. When 1975IX does end, the subscriptions of the following players will expire with that issue: Bob Eisen, Bob Fischetti, Ed Jacobs, Cyril Perrin, Steve Whitmore. John Kramer's subscription will expire five issues later.

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Something calling itself "Ulaan Ibn Abdul-Aziz Shaikh al-Saar Jjang" is now claiming to be "protector and beloved leader of the Diplomacy hobby" according to a flier sent around to Gamesmasters. It demands, from a New England return postmark, that "All hobby organizations must swear immediate allegiance or be cancelled by executive order."

LONDON OFFERS PEACE FEELERS

The German unit in Belgium is a fleet, not an army as reported in #355.

ENGLAND (Spiegel): A Fin S A St.P; F Nwy S A St.P; A St.F holds; F Nth-Den; F Eng-Nth; F Wes-Mid; F Nat S F Wes-Mid.

GERMANY (Sergeant): F Swe-Fin; F Hel-Hol; F Bel S F Hel-Hol; A Gas S ITALIAN F Mid-Bre; A Spa & A Ven hold; A Pie-Mar; A Liv-St.P; A Mos S A Liv-St.P; A War S A Mos; F Bal-Den; A Ruh S F Bel; A Rom-Nap.

ITALY (Wienczek): F Mid-Bre; F Tyr-Wes; F Tun S F Tyr-Wes.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Trtek): F Gre-Aeg; F Ion S F Gre-Aeg; A Bul-Con; A Ser-Gre; A Rum-Gre((sic)); A Ukr-Sev; A Arm-Smy.

TURKEY (Girsadansky): F Smy S A Con; A Con S A Ank; A Ank S A Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. St.P. (5)

ITALY: Bre, Por, Tun. (3)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mar, Mos, Mun, Nap, Par, Rom, Spa, Swe, Ven, War. (15)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Rum, Ser, Sev, Tri, Vie. (8)

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy. (3)

Germany may build two new units, and Austria-Hungary may build one. England must remove two units. The deadline for these "Winter 1908" moves is NOON, NEW YEAR'S DAY 1977.

Charles Spiegel has proposed a general concession by all players to Robert Sergeant, playing Germany. If all players vote concurrence by the next move's deadline, it will be so ordered. An abstention counts as a negative vote.

1976DW

"Winter 1902"

NEW GOVERNMENT IN GERMANY

ENGLAND (Bakish): Builds F Lon, F Liv, A Edi.

ITALY (Schultz): Builds F Nap, F Rom.

GERMANY (Verheiden): Removes A Pru, A Sil.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (R. Gallagher): Builds A Tri.

RUSSIA (Michal): Builds A Sev.

TURKEY (Braunagel): Builds F Smy.

Loren Carter has missed two moves in a row as Germany, and is replaced by Eric Verheiden. The deadline for "Spring 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 1 JANUARY 1977. From 16 December until 3 January, Eric will be at 3245 S. W. 185th St., Aloha, Ore. 97005. Ken Schultz will be at 26 Sunrise Dr., Portsmouth, R. I. 02871 from 22 December until 16 January. From 16 December to 10 January, David Braunagel will be at 2040 Laurel, Tallahassee, Fla. 32303.

BERLIN: The new German government welcomes assistance from any powers threatened by the English menace. Are you listening, France and Russia?

(Earlier press releases appear on p. 6.)

1976DX - PRESS RELEASE

ISTANBUL (16 September 1902): The rapid advances by the Turkish armies has succeeded in liberating the people in the Balkans from Italian tyranny. While great rejoicing can be heard throughout the land, many people remain uneasy about the months to come. Shocking reports of Italian massacres, beatings and terrorist activities have come from Trieste, where the survivors of Italian occupation are just beginning to relate their grim tales. With the ever advancing forces of Italy threatening all free people of the world, Turkey calls to all nations to stop these atrocities by pushing the Italian horde back to whence it came.

1976DW - PRESS RELEASES

ALGIERS (AFP, 24 September 1902): The Armee d'Afrique landed in Algeria today. This army contains France's finest colonial troops: the Legion Etrangere, the Chasseurs d'Afrique, the Zouaves, the Spahis and the Tirailleurs Marocains, supplemented by a brigade of Spanish Riff cavalry and a regiment of Portuguese cazadores.

This evening Marshal Lyautey held a press conference in his headquarters in the Hotel de Ville (City Hall). "Gentlemen, I am proud to command the finest desert troops in the world! Our glorious Army of Africa shall soon defeat the Italian wolves who now occupy Tunis, and once more shall the tricolor fly o'er ruined Carthage! Forward, forward against the foe! Forward, forward the Emperor's banners go!"

MILAN (AFP, 5 October 1902): Today the Emperor of France celebrated his birthday by having the Army of Provence rout the Italians at Monza. His Imperial Majesty, who has assumed personal command of the armies in the field, himself led the charge by the Guard Cuirassiere that broke the Italian line and sent it fleeing from the field in disarray. For its valiant conduct in this battle, the entire Guard Corps was awarded the Legion d'Honneur, and its commander, General Michel, was awarded his Marshal's baton right on the field of battle. Major Dreyfus was awarded the title of Baron of Monza for having personally captured the Italian commander, General Ottolenghi, during the battle. By a curious coincidence, both the general and his captor are Jewish.

PARIS (AFP, November 30, 1902): The Cavaignac cabinet fell today on a vote of confidence in the Chamber, after the Socialists denounced the "imperialist war" in Italy. Upon the fall of the cabinet, the Emperor cabled from Italy that the Foreign Minister, Marquis Gallifet, was his choice for Premier. Accordingly Gallifet and Cavaignac traded places, and everyone was happy - even the Socialists.

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ANAKHIT, SKANDALUTZ (AFP, December 28, 1902): The new Year-King for 1903 was chosen yesterday. He is Sub-Under-Inquisitor Poboydidigufstev of the Pravoslavnican Patrimony of Polykarp, who just happened to show up at the festival by the merest coincidental chance.

POLYKARPOLIS (AFP, December 30, 1902): The Supreme Pompous Guilty III today declared war on "the godless, vile whoredom of Skandalutz". The Pundeckdruki ambassador announced that his nation would also declare war on Skandalutz - if and when the King could or would get around to it.

BUDAPEST (July 1902): It has been announced by Robert I, Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary, that General Richard Krawczyk who had so masterfully taken Bulgaria in the fall of 1901 and who just as masterfully lost Bulgaria in the spring of 1902 has been demoted to the rank of private, third grade, and reassigned to the "Fighting Gypsies". The famous "Fighting Gypsies" are presently located somewhere in Trieste and function as stable cleaners for the 4th Transylvanian Cavalry. Krawczyk's only excuse was that some crazy man called Bartman or Bradman ran to his calendar and changed Spring 1902 to 1901 and he got confused.

GROSSKOPICH, TRANSYLVANIA (somewhere near Budapest): Where is local playboy and National hero Count Dracula??? Rumors have been circulating that the Count has been placed in charge of a TOP SECRET development project. The rumored project had something to do with (now get this folks) a powered, heavier than air machine. This new air craft has been given the name "submarine". We really don't think it will stick! The new weapon may not be perfected for a while since the Count's aide, the beautiful Ursilla Va Voom has been seen with a big smile and a twinkle in her eyes.

VIENNA: The Mantch quintuplets have been offered the positions of Ambassadors to the Four and A Half Kingdoms. It is expected they will accept the positions as soon as they decide who gets stuck with only half a kingdom.

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CONTEST ENTRIES

As explained in GRAUSTARK #353, I intend to print all the entries that came in for the GRAUSTARK contest which asked readers to compose application forms for American aid. These forms were to be submitted by any nation, party, faction, sect, racial or religious minority, government-in-exile, or plain lunatic who wished in some form to plea to the United States government, "Come kill my enemies for me." The only entries thus far left unprinted are Bob Lipton's two, which are printed below. The contest was won by Will McCullam, whose entry appeared in #353.

I.

1. Do you think you can hold out two weeks until we can get our troops in?

(BONUS FOR ANSWERING CORRECTLY: 3 tons of gold. Consolation prize: a Swiss chalet.)

II.

NAME OF COUNTRY _____

NAME OF RULER _____

AMERICAN CAPITAL INVESTED IN COUNTRY _____

NATURAL RESOURCES _____

(If additional space is needed, please itemize on back.)

DID THE U. S. HELP PUT YOUR LEADER IN CHARGE? Yes _____ No _____

HOW MANY PROSTITUTES ARE THERE IN YOUR MAJOR CITIES? _____

HOW MANY MORE COULD BE RECRUITED TO SERVICE OUR TROOPS? _____

IF WE ENTER THE WAR ON YOUR SIDE, WILL IT BE POSSIBLE TO TELL OUR UPSTANDING, LOVEABLE, CUTE ALLIES FROM OUR SNEAKY, KOTTEN AND VICIOUS ENEMIES WITHOUT A PROGRAM? _____

BY ANY STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATION COULD YOUR ENEMY BE DESCRIBED AS "COMMUNIST"? _____

CAN YOUR OWN TROOPS CARRY ON MORE OR LESS THAN 3% OF THE WAR EFFORT? _____

DOES A SIZABLE NUMBER OF YOUR NATIONALITY HOLD U. S. CITIZENSHIP? _____

IF SO, WHY _____

(If additional space is needed, please itemize on the back.)

IF IT IS DECIDED THAT YOUR PRESENT LEADER IS A NUISANCE, WILL IT BE SIMPLER TO PAY HIM OFF AND LET HIM GO LIVE IN EUROPE, OR TO PUT OUT A CONTRACT ON HIM? _____

ESSAY QUESTION: In 25 words or less, explain why the preservation of your present government is necessary for the continuation of the American Way of Life. (Note: The Domino Theory is obsolete for public consumption.) The preservation of the present government of the country of _____ is necessary for the continuation of the American Way of Life because: _____

WARNING: IF IT IS DISCOVERED AFTER THE U. S. BECOMES INVOLVED IN YOUR WAR THAT YOU CHEATED ON THIS QUESTIONNAIRE, PROBABLY NOTHING WILL HAPPEN.

COUSIN MARION AND THE NEXT WAR

There are probably left-over Pacifists from the 1960's who think that when President Carter takes the United States of America into war, a vast public outcry will cause him to stop. As a refutation to this belief, I offer Cousin Marion.

Cousin Marion is a distant relative of mine - so distant that we knew each other for years before we found that we were related. She is a woman in her middle forties, of small-town American background and old-stock ancestry, a free-lance writer and housewife. She falls in that vast middle ground between Total Woman and Liberated Woman, being an independent, resourceful, tough-minded, tender-hearted person who can earn her own living and is very much devoted to her husband and children; neither Maribel Morgan nor Ti-Grece Atkinson has anything to say to her in which she'd be interested.

In 1968 I was very much surprised to see Cousin Marion's name on an advertisement supporting the American war effort in Vietnam. She has never been a political person, and if she were I might have suspected her to carry her tender-heartedness into the political sphere by opposing war. (This is an error which many people make, being unable to perceive the vast difference between personal relationships and the facts of high policy.) I filed this problem in the back of my mind until 1973, when I had one of my regrettably rare conversations with her on a hot summer day in Toronto.

In answer to my question, Cousin Marion told me of an experience which she'd had shortly before being asked to sign the pro-war petition. She had heard a high-school girl abuse the President of the United States for his war policies. It was her belief that such people had no right to sit in judgment upon a man so much more mature and in possession of the facts. Her signature in the advertisement was an attempt to put some proportion in the whole discussion by defending the President's right to conduct policy without being calumniated by the ignorant and immature.

This attitude was basic to the support which Presidents Johnson and Nixon received, and it will be basic to the support that President Carter will receive when the immature and ignorant - and the outright treasonous - attack him when he leads America to war. The American people profoundly respect and revere their President. And once more they have a President who has been confirmed in his office by an election and supported by a loyal Congress. President Carter's policies were ratified last month by an absolute majority of the American voting public - a mandate never given to Presidents Wilson, Truman, or Kennedy, and one which even President Nixon failed to get in his first two attempts at the office.

About two months after I spoke with Cousin Marion, I abandoned my opposition to war and began to counsel absolute, unquestioning support for His Excellency the President, Commander-in-Chief, and Supreme War Leader of the United States of America. I still counsel this attitude of respectful submission, and will continue to do so when the war begins. The Cousin Marions of America view with revulsion the idea that anyone could dare set up his or her private judgment against the President. It is their love and respect on which Presidents rely when foolish critics dare to call their deeds into question. And, if this spirit of opposition should ever elicit strong, decisive action from a President, the Cousin Marions will applaud his wisdom and his salutary strictness.

This reservoir of loyalty is a thing which the dissenters and doubters fail to take into account. If in August 1974 President Nixon had not been a very ill man, he would certainly have taken a stern line against the congressional leaders who dared to condemn his war policy and the domestic counter-espionage activities which were a direct consequence thereof. And if these nay-sayers try something of the sort against President Carter, he will do the same. It is to the Cousin Marions that President Carter will appeal, as President Nixon might have, for support against detractors, dissenters, and if need be impeachers.

To use a European distinction that may as well be adopted into American political usage, Cousin Marion is the pays reel - the real country, as opposed to the pays legal of the Coxes, Richardsons, and Gene McCarthys. The President and the pays reel are going to war. The pays legal will try to stand in their way at its extreme peril.

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"Spring 1912"

LAND RUCH IN RUSSIA

FRANCE (Heuer): F Tun-Wes; A Spa-Por; F Bre-Mid; A Bur S A Mar; A Mar S A Bur.GERMANY (Chafetz): F Nat-Mid; F Eng S F Mat-Mid; A Fin-St.P; F Nvy S A Fin-St.P; F Den-Nth; A Bel-Pic; A Mun-Bur; A Kie-Ruh; A Ber-Sil; A Sil-Gal; A Boh & A War S A Sil-Gal; A St.P-Liv.ITALY (Lariton): F Por-Spa(n.c.); F Nap-Ion; F Con-Aeg; A Smy-Arm; A Ven-Tyr; A Pie & A Vie S A Ven-Tyr; A Rum-Gal; A Bud S A Rum-Gal; A Bul-Rum; F Tyr-Wes; F Rom-Tyr; F Ank-Bla.RUSSIA (Cathcart): A Gal-War; A Mos S A Gal-War.

Underlined moves are not possible. The dislodged German A War must retreat to Prussia or the Ukraine; the direction of this retreat should be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL to the Gamesmaster, and he will inform the other players. The deadline for "Fall 1912" moves is NOON, NEW YEAR'S DAY 1977.

1976DC

"Winter 1903"

HABSBURG'S HOLE UP IN BULGARIA

Following "Fall 1903" moves, Austria-Hungary retreated A Ser-Bul. This means that Bulgaria moves from Turkish to Austro-Hungarian control. The builds and removals are:

ENGLAND (Lariton): Builds F Edi.

RUSSIA (Drakert): Removes A Gal.

ITALY (Malay): Builds A Nap, A Rom.

The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, NEW YEAR'S DAY 1977.

It should be noted that the Turkish move which appeared in GRAUSTARK #355 as "A Ser S A Rum" should be "A Sev S A Rum."

1976EG

"Winter 1901"

ARMS RACE INTENSIFIES

Several moves which should have been underlined as impossible in the last issue, were not. These were the German "A Kie-Den" and the Russian "F Rum-Bul(e.c.); A Ukr-Rum; A Sev S A Ukr-Rum". France removes the dislodged A Pie. Builds are:

ENGLAND (Tutt): F Lon.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Bowman): A Vie, A Tri.

FRANCE (Cunningham): F Bre, A Par, F Mar.

RUSSIA (Chafetz): A War, A St.P.

GERMANY (Goldberg): A Mur, F Ber.

TURKEY (Wells): F Smy.

ITALY (Bakich): F Rom.

The deadline for "Spring 1902" moves is NOON, NEW YEAR'S DAY 1977. Steve Bowman's new address is R. R. 10, Box 538A, Bloomington, Indiana 47401; his phone number remains 812-339-6188.

1976BV

"Winter 1903"

I'D TRADE NORWAY FOR SWEDEN ANY TIME

Following "Fall 1903" moves, Austria-Hungary retreats F Gre-Alb and England retreats F Den-Swe, making Sweden an English supply center.

FRANCE (Verheiden): Builds A Mar.

TURKEY (Bergeman): Builds A Con, F Smy.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (McCullam): Removes F Alb.

The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 1 JANUARY 1977. From 16 December to 3 January, Eric Verheiden's address is 3245 S. W. 185th St., Aloha, Ore. 97005. Until Bob Lipton returns from the West Indies on 2 January, Italy will be played by Ray Heuer, 102-42 Jamaica Ave., Richmond Hill, N. Y. 11418; 212-441-7757.

LONDON: The Monarchy admonished his government today in an unprecedented move. The King called for the end to the "self destructive slide towards socialism". He

warned that unless his warning is taken, "we shall soon see a real enemy in the working class and intelligentsia sections of Liverpool."

The government reacted quickly. A fleet was dispatched to Sweden, where socialism has been known to have taken hold. All other available forces were ordered home to help stop the spread of socialism which is known to be responsible for the sudden decline of England.

A special envoy was dispatched to St. Petersburg to caution the Russian Monarchy that further adventurism could lead to the growth of Bolshevism at home.

In addition, copies of Edmund Burke's Reflections on the Revolution in France were distributed to explain the recent upheavals and French-instigated problems.

The English Court also sent an envoy to Rome to thank the Pope for his firm opposition to these movements. The English Monarch also promised his firm support in opposing any new Avignon pretensions. The Monarchy urged a fresh assertion of authority from the Pope in this regard. He suggested the Pope visit Avignon at his earliest possible convenience.

The Monarchy and the government refused to comment on Germany. Reports out of London suggest the English leaders believe Bismarck has taken his nation irretrievably down the road to Socialism. They believe only a military reversal will save Germany.

In an unrelated story, George Bernard Shaw was arrested for his involvement in two murders in the theater section of London. Surprisingly, though, the Monarchy urged quick prosecution of the case. Other members of the Fabian Society are under investigation regarding a possible conspiracy to commit.

NETHER DODDWRING, SKANDALUTZ (URRP): At the local Old Age home, two residents hotly argued the recent Royal Proclamation from England.

"Glad to hear meself quoted again, begorrah!" said Edmund Burke, striking his copy of the London Times with a palsied hand. "The first duty of government is to find out what the people want to do, and then keep them from doing it."

"Dot King of yours iss agreeing mit me!" wheezed Karl Marx. "He says dot iff der Tsar keeps on mit foreign military adventures, Russia will revolt. Der only ding iss, he doesn't tink der revolt is a goodt idea, iss all."

"You're both a pair of bloody rebels," interjected a certain Robert Filmer from an adjacent chair. "There's no difference between 1683 and 1848!"

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WOGASTISBURGER-NEUSTADT (24 Decemoer 1902, URRP): A reporter caught the Grand Duke on his way to midnight mass and asked him if Wogastieburg-Schlampenbützel plans to do anything about the Franco-Skandalicus alliance.

"I doubt it would be effective," he said, "since so few western Europeans know where the Balkan Massif is, that military intervention would get nowhere." He then hastened off to mass, which was apparently being celebrated in Mme. Pulyerpantzoff's House of All Nations.

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